

## Senate File 223 - Introduced

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### A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an assault of a pregnant person, and  
2 providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 708.2, Code 2023, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3     NEW SUBSECTION.   5A.   A person who commits an assault, as  
4 defined in section 708.1, against another person who the person  
5 knows or reasonably should know is a pregnant person, is guilty  
6 of a class "D" felony.

### EXPLANATION

8           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10       This bill relates to an assault of a pregnant person, and  
11 provides penalties.

12 The bill provides that a person who commits an assault, as  
13 defined in Code section 708.1, against another person who the  
14 person knows or reasonably should know is a pregnant person, is  
15 guilty of a class "D" felony. A class "D" felony is punishable  
16 by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at  
17 least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245.